

***"[I]t never dawned on us .... that we may have done it to ourselves."***

***"...We know that at least 43,000 American troops may have been overexposed to pesticides," Vesser said, adding that more than 250,000 American troops took the small, white pyridostigmine bromide pills.***

***"Both of these substances may cause symptoms that are consistent with the symptoms that some Gulf War veterans have."***

--General Dale Vesser,  
Acting Special Asst to the Secretary of Defense for Gulf War Illnesses  
Armed Forces Press Service, February 23, 2001

***"Recognition of the full extent of the illnesses suffered by these veterans of the conflict and the obligation owed to them is long overdue.***

***They are victims of the war, as much as one struck by a bullet or a shell.***

***Moreover, medical treatments for their conditions are needed to protect current and future military personnel at similar risk."***

--Lord Craig of Radley,  
Marshal of the Royal Air Force, U.K.  
Chief of the Defence Staff during the 1991 Gulf War